

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-26 (Canceled)

1 27. (New) A seat belt retractor (20) characterized by low operating noise, and
2 increased dust, corrosion and moisture resistance comprising:
3 a one-piece frame having a quadrilaterally shaped main body (24) and at least
4 one mounting member (60) and including a first and a second mechanism housing wall
5 separated by a space (171) from the first mechanism housing wall.

1 28. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 27 including acoustic insulation between
2 the first and second mechanism housing walls.

1 29. (New) A seat belt retractor comprising:
2 a composite, reinforced resin frame with unitary formed feature to accept and
3 receive a spool and a quantity of seat belt webbing thereon, the frame capable of
4 withstanding an empty spool pull test of a first level of pull; and wherein
5 the retractor further includes force limiting means for limiting the forces applied to
6 the frame through the webbing to less than or equal to the first level.

1 30. (New) The retractor as defined in Claim 29 wherein the force limiting means
2 includes a torsion bar.